



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Manz *et al.*

SERIAL No.: 09/780,230

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FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE INTRODUCTION  
IN MICROCOLUMN SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND  
SAMPLING DEVICE

EXAMINER: Starsiak, John S.

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION No: 8918

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE MAILED:

December 16, 2004

**Amendment after Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.